



Office of the Chair

May 12, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-449

The Honourable Deborah Matthews
Minister of Children and Youth Services
and Cabinet Committee Chair on Poverty Reduction
Ministry of Children and Youth Services
56 Wellesley St. W., 14th Floor
Toronto ON M5S 2S3

Dear Minister Matthews:

Subject: Provincial Roots of Youth Violence Report

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on April 23, 2009:

That the Provincial Report of the Review of the Roots of Youth Violence be endorsed;

And further, that the Regional Chair write to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, supporting Ontario's "Review of the Roots of Youth Violence and ask that the Province of Ontario move quickly to implement and provide funding for the 12 Structural Recommendations presented in this report i.e. Report Recommendations numbered 1 to 12.

Implementation of these Structural Recommendations will:

- Ensure that a youth policy framework and governance structure are put into place to align government ministries and to support an effective collaborative approach between government (all levels) and communities in addressing the root causes of youth violence;
- Establish the infrastructure and mandate needed to carry out the remaining eighteen recommendations of the report; and
- Effectively support the four recommendations presented by the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network to the provincial Roots of Youth Violence Prevention Committee for specific action in the Region of Peel; those being:
 - Keeping our public buildings and schools open after hours;
 - Sustainable funding for youth programs and community groups;
 - Development of a seamless support for children of all, ages and;
 - Shared advocacy for youth safety.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply. Please quote the Region's reference number in your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emil Kolb".

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services, Region of Peel
Keith Ward, Commissioner of Human Services, Region of Peel